

# ORANGE CITY CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCHES

## COMMUNITY BULLETIN

May 31, 2026

### **Denominational, Classis or Community Prayer Requests:**

As Jesus commands, we pray "forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors." We ask that God would not only forgive us our sins through the atoning work of Christ, but that he would so transform our hearts that we would be willing to ask for forgiveness from those whom we have sinned against and to forgive those who have sinned against us. We pray for tensions within families, where old wounds remain and divide brother and sister, parents and children, husband and wife, neighbors, co-workers, classmates, and anyone else between whom sins such as bitterness, envy, greed, anger, stubbornness, cruelty, or indifference have separated people. We pray for estranged families, for those who have divorced and their children, for those who were once close and have now been separated by years of silence. While we use discernment over whom we can trust, though we do not and cannot forget serious sin, and while we do seek justice and appropriate consequences for criminal activity in this world, we nevertheless are fully determined, as evidence of Christ's grace in us, to forgive our neighbors. We ask God to help us surrender our need to get even, let go of the anger and hatred which consumes us, and pray for their salvation and good as God commands.

### **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Keep denominational ministries in prayer. Call the toll-free number: 1-888-CRC-PRAY (272-7729).

*Groundwork – God Makes All Things New* – The fourth major theme of the Bible is that of consummation, the time when God will complete his redemptive plan and make all creation new. Join Groundwork as we study Revelation 21:1-5, Matthew 19:28, Romans 8:18-21, and Ephesians 2:19-22 to see a future where God's presence eradicates suffering and evil, and brings justice and eternal joy and to discuss what it means for us now. Listen now at [GroundworkOnline.com](http://GroundworkOnline.com).

### **COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

#### **Tuesday, June 2**

7:00 p.m. NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will meet at the Sioux Center Public Library. An Educational Program from 7 to 7:45 pm is open to anyone who is interested in the subject. "Bedlam," a critically acclaimed Sundance film festival documentary will be shown. Individuals affected by mental health conditions, and their family/friends will meet separately for a time of mutual support. For information, call Shirley at 712-574-6758 or Nate at 402-916-0008 or [natehuysen93@gmail.com](mailto:natehuysen93@gmail.com).

#### **Friday, June 5**

7:00 a.m. Hope Haven is sponsoring its 28th Annual Hope Haven Fishing Benefit starting at 7:00 a.m. at Big Spirit, Spirit Lake IA. Registration fee is \$60 per angler and children under 16 are free. The entry fee includes an entry gift, eligibility for weigh-in prize categories, and a pork loin meal. Proceeds will benefit individuals with disabilities supported by Hope Haven. Registrations are due Thursday, June 4. For more information and to register, visit [hopehaven.org/events](http://hopehaven.org/events) or call Scott Koedam at 712-476-2820.

#### **Advanced Notices:**

Single Moms Picnic in the Park – Monday, June 8 at Windmill Park Shelter house from 5:30-8 p.m. Food and drinks provided - Children welcome! Come enjoy food, fun, fellowship and connection with other single moms! This is a come and go style event. There will be extra adults helping monitor the playground area. Food and drink served by Immanuel CRC. If you are a single mom-please come join us! If you know a single mom - please reach out and invite her! Community is so valuable! Questions? Call/text Kim Karhoff @ 605-630-1173.

Habitat for Humanity Stud Finder Family Fun Night - Join Siouxland Habitat for Humanity on Tuesday, June 9 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at 1501 Juneau Pl SE. in Orange City and enjoy a pork burger meal, bouncy house, and special time of prayer & thanksgiving at 5:30 p.m.! You'll be able to meet the Chavez family, tour the home under construction and view the sponsored studs decorated by community members. We hope to see you there!

Tri-State Teens Encounter Christ (TEC) is accepting applications for the upcoming weekend at the First Reformed Church in Rock Valley, Iowa. TEC is an interdenominational three-day Christian retreat designed to help high schoolers learn more about their faith and their community. The next TEC is June 19-21, 2026. If you would like to learn more about TEC or register, please visit [www.TriStateTEC.org](http://www.TriStateTEC.org) or email [TriStateTEC@gmail.com](mailto:TriStateTEC@gmail.com). The cost is \$50 and includes a t-shirt & other special gifts. Scholarships are available upon request.

--Announcements (2-week limit) for the Community Bulletin are due by Thursday at 1:00 p.m., email: [office@firstercoc.org](mailto:office@firstercoc.org)